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THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Sir, the Government sanctioned a number of maternity centres in connection with the last Budget. The Government have to see to the needs of the different districts and not only to the needs of Malabar. The hon. Member's proposal to post a nurse to each village will be much more costly than stationing a maternity assistant."

Payment of travelling allowances to midwives of rural dispensaries.

8 50 a.m. * 547 *Q*.—SRI O. VENKATASUBBA REDDI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the midwives working in rural dispensaries under the jurisdiction of the Chingleput District Board are paid any fixed travelling allowance; and

(*b*) whether any discrimination is made against midwives in indigenous medicine in the matter of travelling allowance?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir, when the maternity assistants are deputed on propaganda work in villages on prenatal care; otherwise, not.

" (*b*) No, Sir."

SRI V. K. RAMASWAMY MUDALIAR :—" Will the Government kindly extend this concession to midwives in indigenous medicine also as there is no difference so far as the science of midwifery is concerned between the indigenous and the allopathic systems? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Maternity assistants trained in indigenous system of medicine are deputed for such work if the district board is willing to send them."

SRI M. R. RAMACHANDRAN :—" May I know whether Government will encourage midwives engaging ambulance vans wherever they feel an urgent necessity for it? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" It will not be possible, Sir."

Stocks of kuruvai and samba paddy in Tanjore.

* 548 *Q*.—SRI A. GOVINDASWAMI NAYAGAR (on behalf of Sri K. R. Sambandam) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the stock of kuruvai and samba paddy held in Tanjore district in January 1954; and

(*b*) in which places they were stocked?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) The stocks of samba and kuruvai paddy held by Government in Tanjore district during January 1954 were as follows :—

(1) Samba—6,987·09 tons.
(2) Kuruvai—5,416·25 tons.